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Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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